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Gov. Perdue Urges Residents to Prepare for Hurricane Season

Time to update emergency plans is now, during Hurricane Preparedness Week

RALEIGH – Gov. Bev Perdue urges North Carolinians to prepare now for hurricane season by updating their family emergency plans and supply kits. May 23-29 is [Hurricane Preparedness Week](#), and with hurricane season only a week away, now is the time to make sure your family is prepared in case a storm strikes.

“North Carolinians understand well the dangers of hurricanes and tropical storms, and we know that the coast isn’t the only place that is vulnerable this time of year. Storms that track inland have brought devastation across the Tar Heel state, and that means I have one message for all of our residents – no matter where you live, you need to be prepared. We all need to be disaster-ready at all times.”

According to the National Weather Service, hurricanes strike North Carolina an average of once every three years. It has been six years since Hurricanes Frances and Ivan brought heavy rains and flooding to the mountains. Seven years ago Hurricane Isabel caused extensive damage along the coast. The central part of the state was hit hard by Hurricane Floyd, which caused record flooding in 1999.

“Nearly one in five hurricanes or tropical storms affects our state in some way,” said Perdue. “Whether that impact comes from flooding, storm surge, destructive winds, tornadoes or landslides, we must be ready – as individuals, families, communities and as a state.”

Perdue urges all families, businesses and local governments to assemble emergency supply kits, and to make and rehearse plans for where to go and what to do in the event of a storm.

Families should have an emergency plan and emergency supplies kit ready to go at all times. The kit should contain enough non-perishable food and a gallon of water per person per day to last three to seven days. The kit should also include the following essentials:

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